

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, January 29, 2008.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Eternal God, we depend upon You for our daily existence and Your guidance as we address the items on our agenda for today. We are grateful for Your spiritual gift of wisdom which You offer to us that enables us to achieve our final purpose in life. In our daily struggle to keep our personal goals, values and priorities in clear focus, teach us to make intellectual, not merely emotional decisions and choices. As a society, inspire us to reason together in resolving the complex political, intellectual and ethical issues of these times. Grant us the courage to reject empty slogans and vague data as we try to make mature, thoughtful and reasonable decisions.

Prayer.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Statement of Representative Spellane of Worcester.

A statement of Mr. Spellane of Worcester was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Wednesday last due to a long standing family commitment. Any roll calls that I may have missed that day was due entirely to the reason stated. If I had been present for the taking of roll call number 247, I would have voted in the affirmative; and on roll call number 248, I would have voted in the negative.

Statement of
Representative
Spellane of
Worcester.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House) commending the Ronald Reagan Legacy Project on its celebration of February 6, 2008, as Ronald Reagan Day; and

Ronald
Reagan
Day.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Day of West Boylston) recognizing January 30, 2008, as the celebration of Ezra Beaman Day in the town of West Bolyston;

Ezra
Beaman
Day.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. O'Day, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Communications.**Communications*

Plymouth
County
Registry of
Deeds.

From the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds (under Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting an initial plan for technological improvements at said registry (copies of said communication referred, as required under said law, to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Post Audit and Oversight; and

Norfolk
County
Registry of
Deeds.

From the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds (under Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting an initial plan for technological improvements at said registry (copies of said communication referred, as required under said law, to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Post Audit and Oversight.

Severally were placed on file.

Revised Annual Report.

PERAC,
revised
COLA
report.

The revised annual report of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (under sections 21, 102 and 103 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) relative to the percentum change in the average cost-of-living as shown by the United States consumer price index for the year 2007 compared with such index for the year 2006 (House, No. 4502), was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Westborough,
liquor
license.

Ms. Polito of Shrewsbury presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4504) of Karyn E. Polito and others (by vote of the town) that the town of Westborough be authorized to grant a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises to Sapporo Restaurant; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Suzanne
Soucie,
sick leave.

Mr. Calter of Kingston presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas J. Calter for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Suzanne L. Soucie, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Spellane of Worcester, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.**Reports*

Correctional
facilities,

Of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspec-

tions of certain correctional facilities in the Commonwealth, severally were spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

inspection
reports.

Of the Bridgewater Correctional Complex Core Service Facility, in the town of Bridgewater;

Of the Bridgewater State Hospital, in the town of Bridgewater; and

Of the Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center, in the town of Bridgewater;

Severally were spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, for the committee on Education, on so much of the message from His Excellency the Governor House, No. 3749 (as relates to section 30), a Bill facilitating regional school borrowing (House, No. 4503).

Regional
school
borrowing.

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Carver to appoint new members to the conservation commission (House, No. 1938).

Carver.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the park department in the town of Braintree (House, No. 4237) [Local Approval Received].

Braintree.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for the merger of the Turners Falls Fire District and the Lake Pleasant Water Supply District (House, No. 4417).

Montague.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Shirley to establish an account for the Longley Acres Conservation Area (House, No. 4430) [Local Approval Received].

Shirley.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill validating the actions taken at the May 4, 2005 annual town meeting held by the town of Phillipston (printed in House, No. 4438).

Phillipston,
town
meeting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Medway (House, No. 4460) [Local Approval Received].

Medway,
town
charter.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

*Engrossed Bills.**Engrossed bills*

Authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the city of Everett (see House, No. 3982); and

Bills
enacted.

Relative to the disposition of abandoned vessels (see House, No. 4188, amended);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Recess.

Recess.

At seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock, on motion of Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until a quarter after one o'clock P.M.; and at twelve minutes before two o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

*Papers from the Senate.*Salem,
financial
condition.

A Bill relative to the financial condition of the city of Salem (printed in Senate, No. 2480) (on a message from His Excellency the Governor), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Rodrigues of Westport, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Keenan of Salem, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Recess.

Recess.

At two minutes after two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Keenan of Salem (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until half past two o'clock P.M.; and at twenty minutes before three o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

*Engrossed Bill.*Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to the financial condition of the city of Salem (see Senate bill printed in Senate, No. 2480) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted (more than two-thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Order.*Next
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At eighteen minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.